

Date: June 27, 2024

Time: 12:00-1:30 PM

**Place: Pueblo Department of Public Health
and Environment (PDPHE)**

Conference Rooms A & B

**Facilitators: Christina Hopewell/Fudge
Gonzales**

Note Taker: Dee Speier

Child Fatality Prevention Team Meeting

Call to Order – Christina Hopewell

- **Welcome Team/Introductions** – Thank you for joining us.
- **Equity Statement** - Acknowledgment of health disparities statement regarding inequities that exist.
- **Purpose of Meeting**
 - The purpose of this meeting is to bring together community members to review instances of child fatalities within Pueblo County and develop child fatality prevention recommendations.
- Members of the public are welcome until the Executive Session is convened. All information discussed in the Executive Session of today's meeting is confidential. No public was in attendance
- **Confidentiality Agreements**

A confidentiality statement is needed from everyone. Please sign a form for this meeting and turn it in to Dee if you did not send one earlier. The cases discussed here are confidential and the information remains here. When we discuss prevention methods, that does not need to remain confidential.
- **Moment of Silence**
 - A moment of silence will be observed to respect the memory of the individuals who have succumbed to child fatality after each review.

Action Item/Person Responsible: Turn in your Confidentiality Statements to Dee if you have not already submitted one.

Convene Into Executive Session – Executive Session Convened - 12:14 pm – Christina Hopewell

- The next item on the agenda is to discuss child fatality cases in the executive session for the purpose of developing child fatality prevention recommendations. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402 (4) (c). The purpose of this executive session is to discuss confidential information pertaining to child fatality obtained from the Department of Social Services, the Coroner, medical, investigations, and other confidential services. The topics being discussed are confidential in nature and are protected under Colorado Revised Statute 25-20.5-408 (2) (b).
- Motion to convene into executive session was made by Kristy Dorwart; motion was seconded by Cecilia Gay.
- This meeting is recorded and the recording will be kept for 90 days per State regulation.
- The executive session started at 12:13 p.m.

Review of Cases – Fudge Gonzales

- Narratives of Cases Reviewed

Executive Session Adjourned – 1:13 pm - Christina Hopewell

- The executive session is now closed. The public is invited to return; no public was in attendance.

Prevention Strategies Discussed

- **Safe Driving Strategies**
 - Put up staged crash scenes so it's visual
 - Provide safe driving education - Have a class **before** teens get a license; Plea bargain a ticket by agreeing to attend a safe driving class
 - Seat belt safety – advertise
 - Drinking and driving education
- **Gang Education**
 - Hard Knox is a program for Gang Diversion in Pueblo
- **Help Kids Build Connections**
 - Have evidence-based and law enforcement-based programs in schools
 - Start early – 10 years old
 - Places to build connections: Boys & Girls Club of Pueblo County, United Way Mentoring, Jace's Place Mentoring Programs
 - Referral-based programs for those in need

Meeting Follow-Up

- Are the reviews from today complete, or do we need to revisit them at the next meeting?
 - Next Meeting: Thursday, October 24, 2024, from 12-1:30 p.m. Conference Rooms A and B.
- From the cases today, are there any partners interested in and able to champion any of the identified prevention strategies between now and our next meeting?
- Should we form workgroups?
- **Has there been any progress on previously identified prevention strategies?**
 - PDPHE provided safe sleeping environment information in English and Spanish at the Community Baby Shower on June 11, 2024.
 - PDPHE has provided education to youth 13-18 years in schools and community settings on healthy relationships, body autonomy, and how to identify patterns of abuse. This work will be transitioned to the UC Health-Parkview SANE team as of July 1, 2024.
 - Joe and the Fire Department are creating a water feature and figuring out an education plan; would like to have stations for life jackets

Action Items

- Becky will follow up with CDOT for funding for driving education; she will make sure resources are handed out at fairs/outreach events
- Find out about plea bargains by attending driving classes
- Christina will reach out to Pueblo Community Health Center to find out about their programs
- Christina will send the SOCOYOGO website <https://socoयोगo.com/>

Attendees:

Christina Hopewell, Program Manager
PDPHE-Child Fatality Prevention Program Manager

Fudge Gonzales, Team Co-chair
PDPHE-Child Fatality Prevention Team

Michael Bayer
Pueblo School District 60

Sarah Bryant
Child Advocacy Center

Anneliese Carlson
PDPHE-Communities that Care

Kayana Casias
PDPHE-Community Health Services

Tara Chaparro
Pueblo Child Advocacy Center

Amy Colvin
Pueblo County Sheriff's Office

Kindra Cox
Casa of Pueblo

Kristie Dorwart
Health Solutions

Sandra Garcia
PDPHE-Vital Statistics

Cecilia Gay
Suicide Prevention Coalition

Nanci Gonzalez
Suicide Prevention Coalition

Greg Hinkle
Bridges Child Placement Agency

Rasilia Hunt
Pueblo Child Advocacy Center

Becky Medina
Boys and Girls Clubs of Pueblo County

Dee Speier
PDPHE-CHS

Joe Stadterman
Colorado Parks & Wildlife
Lake Pueblo State Park

Chanelle Stewart
Health Solutions-Suicide Prevention

Maria Telfer
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